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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am strongly OPPOSED to the Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report Issue 3. I believe that it is imperative that the state of Texas continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologist. Technologist administer ionizing radiation, a known CARCINOGEN, in the lowest dose possible to achieve quality images and effective treatments. Unlicensed personnel would be putting patient's lives in danger by over-exposing them to unnecessary amounts of radiation. Licensure of technologist also preserves the state's right to provide disciplinary action for individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation incorrectly. Without a licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals. Unlicensed individuals would also increase the number of missed and misdiagnosed cases greatly. Without the knowledge and skill that a licensed radiologic technologist has, image quality would decrease dramatically causing Radiologist to misinterpret images. This could potentially cause loss of life just because the state of Texas wanted to save a few dollars. I would just like you to think about your family and if they are sick or in an accident. What kind of care would you want them to receive?
Would you want someone with no formal training taking care of them? Would you want someone who could potentially further their injury or illness by lack of training and education? Would you not want them to receive the best care possible, from people who are knowledgeable and care about their profession?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe that it is the state's responsibility to ensure the safety and well-being for its citizens. It should be mandatory for all people in the health care profession to be formally trained and licensed and in their respective fields.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree